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HISTORIES!



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I SAID A
HAMMER, NOT
PLIERS, YA DUMB
DOG! HEY, PETE,
HAND ME A
HAMMER!

ALL RIGHT, BOYS!
RAISE 'EM AND FEAST
YOUR EYES! MY REAL
NAME IS DETECTIVE
JOHN SHEA!



CHARLES
BIRO



IN THIS
ISSUE:

"THE EMPTY
APARTMENT"

"HOW I STOPPED
A TAXI WAR"

"WHO DUNNIT?"

CAN YOU SOLVE THE CASE OF
THE INQUISITIVE PHOTOGRAPHER



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DEDICATED TO THE ERADICATION OF CRIME

MOVING DAY WAS DOOMSDAY IN THIS SPINE-CHILLING STORY OF



THE EMPTY APARTMENT

THE SIGN SAID "FOR RENT," SO THE MOB MOVED IN AND TOOK OVER!



T. DiPRETA

ONCE UPON A TIME THERE WAS AN APARTMENT FOR RENT, BUT NOT FOR PEOPLE TO LIVE IN—TO DIE IN! IT HAPPENED THIS WAY...

FOR SOME PEOPLE, IT'S LOVE, THAT MAKES THE WORLD GO ROUND; FOR OTHERS, IT'S MONEY—AND ONLY MONEY...

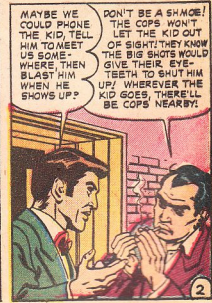
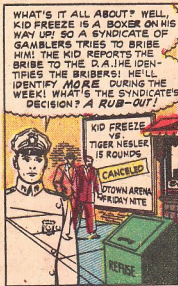
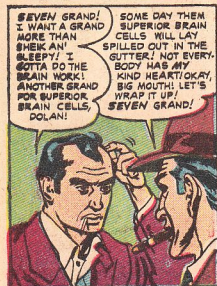
DON'T BOTHER COUNTING IT, SLEEPY—IT'S 1,000 BUCKS, DOWN PAYMENT! THE REST COMES C.O.D.! KNOW WHAT C.O.D. MEANS, SLEEPY?

SURE, CASH ON DELIVERY!

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The Editors

OBEY THE LAW



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BESIDES, WE COULD SPEND A WEEK LOOKIN' FOR THE KID AN' NOT FIND HIM! ALL WE'RE SURE OF IS THAT HE'LL BE HERE AT THE GYM AT 8 A.M. TOMORROW! AN' SINCE WE CAN'T KILL HIM BY REMOTE CONTROL, WE GOTTA BE WITHIN SHOOTIN' DISTANCE!



MAYBE WE CAN MAKE A RAG DOLL REPRESENTIN' THE KID, SAY SOME INCANTATIONS, THEN STICK HAT PINS IN IT! KID FREEZE DROPS, DEAD WHILE TAKIN' A SHAVE, AN' US? WE RIDE OVER TO DOLAN'S AN' COLLECT! YOU SHOULD'A STUDIED VOODOO, AL!

TAKE IT EASY, SLEEPY! DON'T SPRAIN YOUR BRAIN! YOU'RE ONLY ONE STEP FROM THE BOOBY HATCH RIGHT NOW!

WHAT? BRAIN? HIS HEAD'S EMPTY! EMPTY! EMPTY! AS -WAIT A MINUTE! THAT EMPTY APARTMENT!



SLEEPY—YOU STILL CARRY THAT BUNCH OF SKELETON KEYS?

SURE! WHY?

WE'RE GOIN' APARTMENT HUNTIN'! NOW KEEP YOUR BIG MOUTHS SHUT AN' TRY TO LOOK INNOCENT!



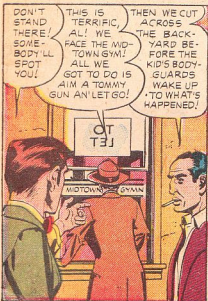
LIKE I CATCH ON! WE TAKE OVER THE APARTMENT, WAIT FOR THE KID TO SHOW UP—

THEN BANG! BUT HOW DO WE MAKE A GET-AWAY?

YEAH! IT'S ON THE SECOND FLOOR, FACIN' THE STREET! VERY CONVENIENT!



EASY! DOWN THE FIRE ESCAPE INTO THE NEXT STREET WHERE OUR GET-AWAY CAR WILL BE WAITIN' WITH THE MOTOR RUNNIN'! WE'LL PAY SKINNY SAM A FEW BUCKS TO DRIVE FOR US...



DON'T STAND THERE! SOME-BODY'LL SPOT YOU!

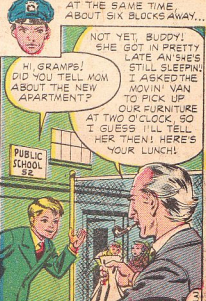
THIS IS TERRIFIC, AL! WE FACE THE MID-TOWN GYM! ALL WE GOT TO DO IS AIM A TOMMY GUN AN' LET GO!

THEN WE CUT ACROSS THE BACK-YARD BEFORE THE KID'S BODY-GUARDS WAKE UP! TO WHAT'S HAPPENED!



THERE AIN'T NO ELEVATOR SERVICE, BUT WE'LL OVER-LOOK THAT FOR A YEAR'S CONCESSION! WHEN DO WE MOVE IN?

I DON'T BLAME SLEEPY! IT LOOKS LIKE AN EASY JOB! A NICE, EMPTY APARTMENT, AN' WALLS DON'T TALK!



AT THE SAME TIME, ABOUT SIX BLOCKS AWAY...

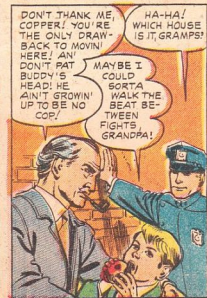
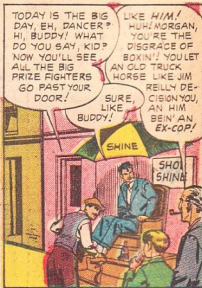


NOT YET, BUDDY! SHE GOT IN PRETTY LATE AN' SHE'S STILL SLEEPIN'! I ASKED THE MOVIN' VAN TO PICK UP OUR FURNITURE AT TWO O'CLOCK, SO I GUESS I'LL TELL HER THEN! HERE'S YOUR LUNCH!

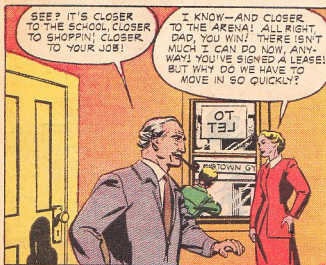
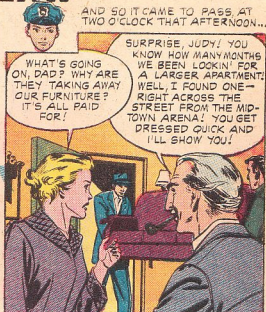
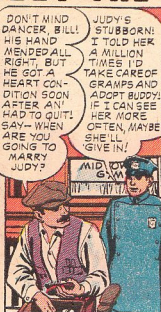
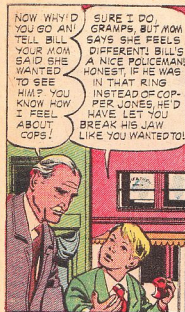
HI, GRAMPS! DID YOU TELL MOM ABOUT THE NEW APARTMENT?

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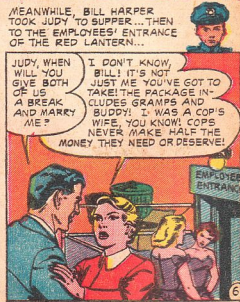
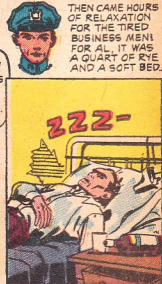
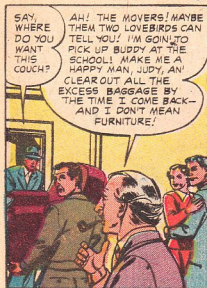
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I'M SORRY, BILL! I DIDN'T MEAN TO BRING UP THE SUBJECT OF BEN! BUT SOMEHOW, IT'S GOT TO BE FACED! I WAS MARRIED BEFORE... BEN WAS BUDDY'S FATHER...

LOOK, HONEY, BEN WAS A FINE COP—THE FINEST! IT'S JUST THAT I FEEL IF YOU REALLY LOVED ME, NOTHING WOULD STAND IN YOUR WAY...



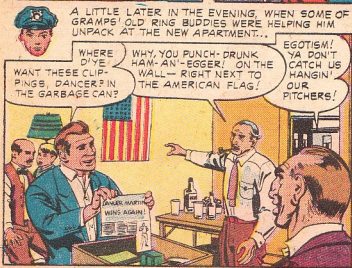
DARLING, NOTHING STANDS IN THE WAY! BUT WE'VE GOT TO WAIT JUST A LITTLE WHILE LONGER! I WANT TO BE SURE, VERY SURE! AND I WANT YOU TO BE SURE...

I AM SURE, JUDY, AND NOW THAT YOU'VE MOVED INTO MY BACKYARD, IT'S GOING TO BE TOUGHER THAN EVER, JUST WAITING!



BUT I'M SO D-DIFFICULT TO LIVE WITH! I SLEEP WITH THE WINDOWS WIDE OPEN—EVEN ON THE COLDEST WINTER DAYS...

YOUR KISSES ARE WARM! THAT'S ALL I NEED TO KNOW!

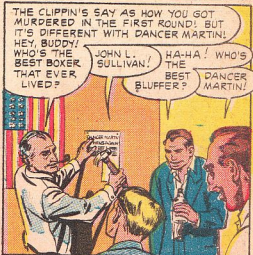


A LITTLE LATER IN THE EVENING, WHEN SOME OF GRAMPS' OLD RING BUDDIES WERE HELPING HIM UNPACK AT THE NEW APARTMENT...

WHERE D'YE WANT THESE CLIPPINGS, DANCER? IN THE GARBAGE CAN?

WHY, YOU PUNCH-DRUNK HAM-AN'-EGGER! ON THE WALL—RIGHT NEXT TO THE AMERICAN FLAG!

EGOTISM! YA DON'T CATCH US HANGIN' OUR PITCHERS!



THE CLIPPIN'S SAY AS HOW YOU GOT MURDERED IN THE FIRST ROUND! BUT IT'S DIFFERENT WITH DANCER MARTIN! HEY, BUDDY! WHO'S THE BEST BOXER THAT EVER LIVED?

JOHN L. SULLIVAN!

HA-HA! WHO'S THE BEST DANCER BLUFFER? DANCER MARTIN!



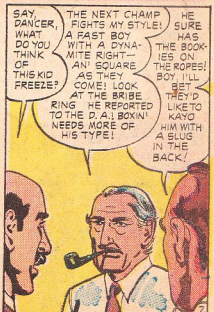
GO ON WITH YOU! LAD, SHOW 'EM THE FOOT-WORK THE OLD DANCIN' MASTER TAUGHT YOU!

OKAY, GRAMPS! GRAMPS SAYS IF YOU GOT A BREATHER FIGHTIN' YOU, WEAR HIM DOWN BY DANCING AROUND! THEN, WHEN HE'S TOO WUNDED TO LIFT HIS ARMS—SMASH! A KAYO!



8-9-10! OUT! VERY NEAT, LAD! SWEETEST KNOCKOUT I'VE EVER SEEN! KNOCKED HIM CLEAR OUTTA SIGHT!

OKAY YOUNG-STER! NOW INTO BED! A CHAMPION KEEPS A REGULAR HOURS AN' GETS PLENTY OF SLEEP! ALL RIGHT, GRAMPS! GOOD NIGHT, EVERYBODY!



SAY, DANCER, WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THIS KID FREEZE?

THE NEXT CHAMP FIGHTS MY STYLE! A FAST BOY WITH A DYNAMITE RIGHT—AN' SQUARE AS THEY COME! LOOK AT THE BRIBE RING HE REPORTED TO THE D.A.! BOXIN' NEEDS MORE OF HIS TYPE!

HE SURE HAS THE BOOK-IES ON THE ROPES! BOY, I'LL BET THEY'D LIKE TO KAYO HIM WITH A SLUG IN THE BACK!

OBHEY THE LAW

NOT FAR AWAY AT 11 O'CLOCK THAT NIGHT...



I CAN UNDER-FLASHLIGHT, ALL THERE PROBABLY AIN'T NO ELECTRICITY IN AN EMPTY APARTMENT, BUT WHAT'S THE PAPER FOR?

TO COVER THE WINDOWS, SAP! WE'LL BE KILLIN' FIVE HOURS IN AN EMPTY APARTMENT AN' WE AIN'T DOIN' IT IN THE DARK... DID YOU BRING THE PINOCCHIO DECK?

YEAH, SURE! BUT I STILL DON'T SEE WHY WE GOTTA WALK INTO AN EMPTY APARTMENT AT 3 A.M.!

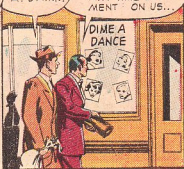
AT 3 A.M., ONLY THE ALLEY CATS WILL SEE US SNEAK UPSTAIRS! NOW GO TELL THE SHEIK TO COME DOWN! SAM'S GOIN' TO DRIVE US AROUND TO A FEW PROMINENT PLACES FOR THE NEXT FOUR HOURS! WE DON'T WANT THE COPS ESTABLISHING ANY TIME ELEMENT ON US...

YOU CAME AT A VERY POOR TIME, MY COCKEYED FRIEND! THAT REDHEAD WAS BEGINNING TO LIKE ME!

IT WOULDN'T HAVE DONE YOU ANY GOOD! WHEN SHE KNOCKS OFF WORK YOU'LL BE SITTIN' IN AN EMPTY APARTMENT PLAYIN' PINOCCHIO UNDER A FLASHLIGHT!



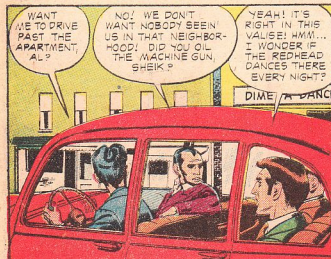
HARDWARE



DIME A DANCE



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WANT ME TO DRIVE PAST THE APARTMENT, AL?

NO! WE DON'T WANT NOBODY SEEN IN THAT NEIGHBORHOOD! DID YOU OIL THE MACHINE GUN, SHEIK?

YEAH! IT'S RIGHT IN THIS VALISE! HMM... I WONDER IF THE REDHEAD DANCES THERE EVERY NIGHT?

DIME A DANCE



YOU'D THINK KILLING A MAN WAS JUST A RACIN', AS THE BOYS PREPARED FOR THEIR FOUR-HOUR VIGIL...

—AN' FIVE STEAK SANDWICHES! GIVE US TWO CONTAINERS OF POTATO SALAD, TOO!

PUT SOME TOMATO AN' MAYONNAISE ON THE CHICKEN SALAD, THAT'S IT! LOTS OF PEPPER, TOO!

DON'T FORGET THE BEER! A DOZEN BOTTLES!

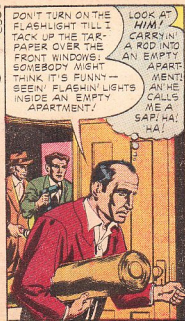
CIGARETTES



HALF AN HOUR LATER—AT EXACTLY 3:10—THE GET-AWAY CAR DISGORGED THREE FIGURES WHO WENT UNNOTICED, AS AL PREDICTED—EVEN BY THE ALLEY CATS!

THE TO-LET SIGNS STILL IN THE WINDOW!

WHY SHOULDN'T IT BE? THE APARTMENT'S EMPTY—ISN'T IT? WHAT A CHARACTER!



DON'T TURN ON THE FLASHLIGHT TILL I TACK UP THE TARPAPER OVER THE FRONT WINDOWS! SOMEBODY MIGHT THINK IT'S FUNNY—SEEN! FLASHIN' LIGHTS INSIDE AN EMPTY APARTMENT!

LOOK AT HIM! CARRYIN' A ROD INTO AN EMPTY APARTMENT! AN' HE CALLS ME A SAP! HA! HA!



OUCH! I HIT MY SHIN!

WHY YOU CLUMSY GOOF! YOU'VE TRIPPED OVER YOUR OWN FEET!

3:15! JUDY'S HOME EARLY! HMM... SOUNDS LIKE SOME-BODY'S WITH HER! I'LL BET BILL HARPER SNEAKED OFF HIS BEAT TO DO A LITTLE SPARKIN'!

OBYE THE LAW



THIS IS A FINE PLACE FOR A POLICEMAN TO—
H-HEY! WHO'RE YOU?

RAISE 'EM, POP!...
AL—I THOUGHT THIS JOINT WAS EMPTY!

IT WAS! SNAP OFF THE LIGHT, SHEIK!

WHAT'RE YOU DOIN' HERE, OLD MAN?

I LIVE HERE! IF YOU MUGS CAME AROUND TO ROB US, YOU PICKED THE WRONG PLACE! NOBODY HERE'S GOT ANY DOUGH!

DOUGH? WHO WANTS DOUGH? PUT UP THE TARPAPER, SLEEPY!



WE AIN'T GOIN'! THROUGH WITH THIS NOW, ARE WE—WITH THE OLD GEEZER FOR AN AUDIENCE?

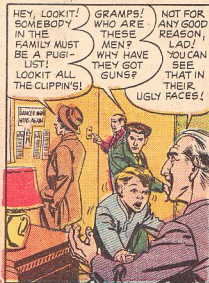
IT'S TOO LATE TO CHANGE OUR PLANS! WE'VE GOT TO DELIVER BY 12 NOON! DOLAN AIN'T THE KIND OF BOY YOU CAN DISAPPOINT! SEE IF ANYBODY'S IN THE BACK, SHEIK!

THERE'S ONLY MY GRAND-SON! LET HIM SLEEP! HE HAS TO GO TO SCHOOL TOMORROW!



MAYBE HE'LL BE THE SMART-EST KID IN THE FUNERAL PARLOR TOMORROW MORNING! ONE SIDE!

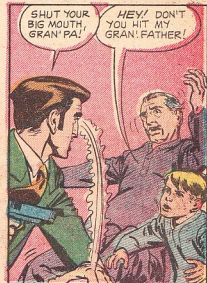
WHAT DID HE MEAN BY THAT? WHAT DO YOU GUYS WANT? WHAT'RE YOU GOIN' TO DO? KEEP YOUR MOUTH SHUT AN' SIT DOWN!



HEY, LOOKIT! SOMEBODY IN THE FAMILY MUST BE A PUG-ILIST! LOOKIT ALL THE CLIPPIN'S!

GRAMPS! WHO ARE THESE MEN? WHY HAVE THEY GOT GUNS? UGLY FACES!

NOT FOR ANY GOOD REASON, LAD! YOU CAN SEE THAT IN THEIR



SHUT YOUR BIG MOUTH, GRAN' PA!

HEY! DON'T YOU HIT MY GRAN! FATHER!



PIPE DOWN, KID!

YOU BULLYIN' SCUM! TAKE YOUR HANDS OFF THAT BOY!



AL! S-STOPHIM! UGHHHHH!!

BUDDY! RUN FOR THE STREET! YELL FOR HELP!

GRAB THE KID!



I WARNED YOU TO STAY PUT, OLD MAN!

OBHEY THE LAW



GUN HIM?
LATER, WHEN WE GUN KID FREEZE! SHOTS WOULD ONLY WAKE UP THE NEIGHBORHOOD! LEAVE THE KID ALONE, SLEEPY! I WANT TO TALK TO HIM!

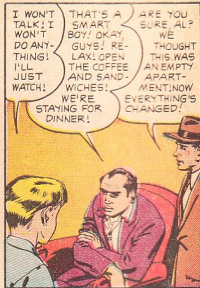
YOU GOING TO KILL GRAMPS? AND KID FREEZE, TOO?



WHY? DO YOU KNOW KID FREEZE?

HE'S THE FAMOUS BOXER, THE ONE WHO TOLD THE COPS ABOUT THE BRIBES! ARE YOU GOING TO KILL HIM?

WE KILL ANYBODY WHOGETS IN OUR WAY! DOES THAT ANSWER YOUR QUESTION?



I WON'T TALK! I WON'T DO ANYTHING! I'LL JUST WATCH!

THAT'S A SMART BOY! OKAY GUYS! RELAX! OPEN THE COFFEE AND SANDWICHES! WE'RE STAYING FOR DINNER!

ARE YOU SURE AL? WE THOUGHT THIS WAS AN EMPTY APARTMENT! NOW EVERYTHING'S CHANGED!



WHY? BECAUSE WE FOUND A BAM-BATTY OLD TANKER AN' A SCARED-TO-DEATH KID? SO WE CHILL TWO MORE! THEY CAN'T BURN YOU TWICE, CAN THEY?

WANT A SANDWICH, KID? WE GOT CHICKEN SALAD, STEAK, FRIED EGG...

NO, THANKS! I'M NOT VERY HUNGRY!



HEY, KID! I'LL BET YOUR OLD GRAN'PA TAUGHT YOU HOW TO BOX, EH? MAYBE YOU'LL SHOW ME A FEW KNOCK-OUT PUNCHES, HEY?

GET UP WHEN YOU'RE TOLD TO! WHAT KIND OF LOUSY UP-BRINGING DID YOU GET?



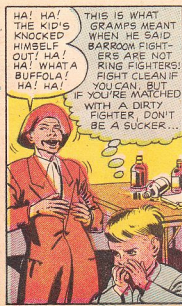
GO AHEAD! THROW A PUNCH AT ME! DON'T BE AFRAID OF UNCLE SLEEPY! HE JUST WANTS A COUPLE OF POINTERS! HE WON'T HURT YOU! GO AHEAD—DON'T BE AFRAID!

WELL, GRAMPS SHOWED ME A CORK SCREW PUNCH! YOU SORT OF TWIST YOUR WRIST WHEN YOU DELIVER...



YOU MEAN—LIKE THIS?

OWW!



HA! HA! THE KID'S KNOCKED HIMSELF OUT! HA! HA! WHAT A BUFFOLA! HA! HA!

THIS IS WHAT GRAMPS MEANT WHEN HE SAID BARROOM FIGHTERS ARE NOT RING FIGHTERS! FIGHT CLEAN IF YOU CAN, BUT IF YOU'RE MATCHED WITH A DIRTY FIGHTER, DON'T BE A SUCKER...

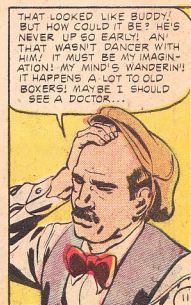


HA! HA! THAT WAS A GOOD TRICK, MISTER! I'LL HAVE TO TRY IT ON SOME OF THE KIDS AT SCHOOL! NOW LET ME SHOW YOU SOME FOOTWORK...

FOOTWORK MADE GRAMPS FAMOUS! THAT'S WHY THEY CALLED HIM DANCER! HE USED TO SKIP AROUND LIKE THIS! SEE?

SAY, THE KID'S A GOOD SPORT! LOOK AT HIM!

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OBEY THE LAW



BUT THE "APPARITION" BOTHERED TONY! IN FACT, HE MENTIONED IT TO BILL HARPER A LITTLE LATER...



I DON'T THINK IT COULD HAVE BEEN BUDDY, TONY! THERE ARE A LOT OF KIDS HIS AGE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD...

SURE! MAYBE IT WAS SOME OTHER KID AND HIS OLD MAN ABOUT TO LICK HIM! BUT IT'S PRETTY EARLY FOR KIDS TO BE UP!



BILL HARPER WALKED BY AND SAW THE "TO LET" STILL IN THE WINDOW AND ALL THE WINDOWS SHUT! JUDY HAD SAID SHE SLEPT WITH HER WINDOWS OPEN, HE BEGAN TO WORRY...

SOMETHING MAY BE WRONG! I'D BETTER TAKE A LOOK...

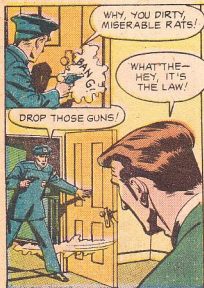


BILL CAT-WALKED UP THE STAIRS, SAW A LIGHT UNDER THE DOOR, HEARD MUFFLED SOUNDS! HE KNELT AND LOOKED THROUGH THE KEYHOLE! WHAT HE SAW FROZE HIS BLOOD...



THAT'S ENOUGH, SHEIK! WE GOT WORK TO DO! LINE 'EM UP AGAINST THE WALL!

IT'S GOING TO BREAK MY HEART KILLING THIS DAME! SHE CAN'T POSSIBLY LOOK AS GOOD DEAD AS SHE DOES ALIVE!



WHY, YOU DIRTY, MISERABLE RATS!

WHAT THE—HEY, IT'S THE LAW!

DROP THOSE GUNS!



THEN THAT SMALL ROOM ROARED AND REVERBERATED TO THE SOUND OF DEADLY SHOOTING! THE SHEIK WAS HIT IN HIS MOST VULNERABLE SPOT—THE HEART!



I GIVE UP! \$500?... I'M SHOT!

ARGGHH!



AL TRIED TO LEVEL HIS TOMMY GUN, BUT IN VAIN! BILL LUNGED! FIST MET JAW!



HIT HIM AGAIN, BILL! HIT HIM AGAIN!



AND EVEN WHEN KID FREEZE ARRIVED AT THE MIDTOWN GYM AT 8:00 A.M., THE EXCITEMENT ACROSS THE STREET STILL HAD NOT DIED DOWN...



WHAT HAPPENED?

SOME COP MUST'VE BUSTED UP A STICKUP! YOU GO INSIDE! I'LL FIND OUT!



WHAT THE KID'S BODYGUARD FOUND OUT FILLED THE PAPERS FOR MANY A DAY THEREAFTER, AS SLEEPY, THE SOLE SURVIVOR, TOLD ALL ABOUT DOLAN AND DOLAN'S SYNDICATE! BUT THERE WAS SOMETHING ELSE THE OUTSIDE WORLD DIDN'T KNOW!



I TAKE IT ALL BACK, BILL! I WAS ONLY KIDDING HALF THE TIME ANYWAY! WHAT A RIGHT CROSS! BILL, IF YOU'D ONLY LET ME GIVE YOU A FEW POINTERS...

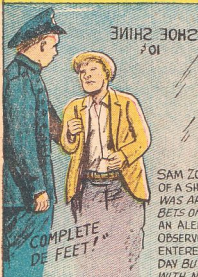
YOU MIGHT HAVE YOUR CHANCE, DAD! BILL'S MOVING IN WITH US—WE'RE GETTING MARRIED!

NO LONGER IS 1407 ARENA STREET EMPTY! IT IS FILLED WITH HAPPINESS AND LAUGHTER AND LOVE; AND THE SHADOW OF THE TERROR THAT MOMENTARILY OCCUPIED IT HAS BEEN DISPELLED!

THE END

OBEY THE LAW

HOW THEY WERE TRAPPED by C.H. MOORE



SHOE SHINE
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SAM ZORINSKY - OWNER
OF A SHOE SHINE PARLOR -
WAS ARRESTED FOR TAKING
BETS ON THE RACES! AN ALERT POLICEMAN
OBSERVED THAT MANY PEOPLE
ENTERED HIS SHOP EVERY
DAY BUT NONE CAME OUT
WITH NEWLY SHINED SHOES!

COMPLETE
DE FEET!"

"CAUGHT BY A HAIR!"
THE CHARRED BODY
- SUPPOSEDLY THAT OF
JAY DAVIS- WAS PROVEN TO
BE THAT OF SOMEONE ELSE, A VICTIM
OF DAVIS' SCHEME TO COLLECT HIS OWN
INSURANCE, THROUGH HIS WIFE!
A SINGLE HAIR FROM THE CORPSE
TRAPPED THE SUSPECTS. FOR
IT PROVED THAT THE VICTIM WAS NOT
JAY DAVIS!

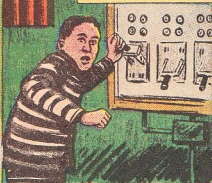


LLOYD THOMAS, WHO CLAIMED HE HAD NEVER SEEN
THE MURDERED MAN BEFORE, WAS TRAPPED BY
THE DIRT UNDER HIS FINGERNAILS, WHICH PROVED
HE WAS LYING! THE DIRT REVEALED SKIN TISSUE
FROM THE BODY OF THE MURDERED MAN AND
LED TO A CONFESSION!

TRAPPED
BY TIME!



FRED JAMES of MISSISSIPPI -
ON TRIAL FOR MURDER - BECAME
WORRIED WHEN THE JURY STAYED OUT
FOR OVER 2 HOURS.... HE CHANGED HIS PLEA
TO GUILTY OF MANSLAUGHTER AND WAS
SENTENCED TO 7½ YEARS IN JAIL BEFORE
THE JURY RETURNED WITH ITS VERDICT!
THEIR DECISION WOULD HAVE BEEN
"NOT GUILTY" BUT IT WAS TOO LATE!



A CAREFULLY PLANNED JAILBREAK
WENT AMISS WHEN JOE LITTLE
PULLED A SWITCH TO PLUNGE THE
JAIL INTO DARKNESS - IT WAS
THE WRONG SWITCH - THE ONE
HE PULLED SOUNDED THE
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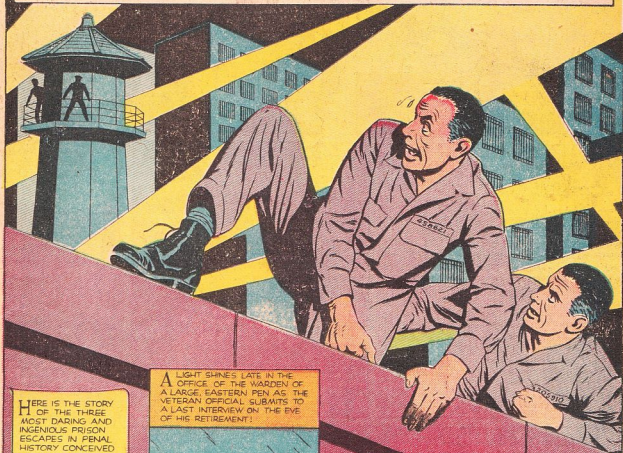
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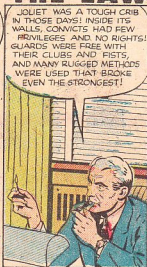
THERE ARE THREE THAT STAND OUT AS THE STRANGEST AND MOST INGENUOUS I'VE ENCOUNTERED!



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ALL RIGHT, DOWD! GET A MOVE ON! YOU'RE WORKING THE NUT WARD TODAY!

I'VE SEARCHED THIS PLACE FROM TOP TO BOTTOM FOR THREE YEARS WITH NO LUCK, BUT THERE MUST BE A WAY OUT! I'LL KEEP LOOKING TILL I FIND IT!



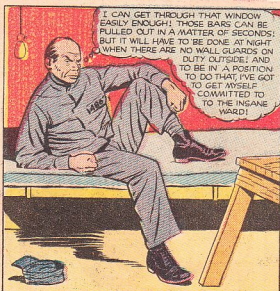
GOOD GOSH! WHAT A PLACE! STRAIT-JACKETS AND ALL! BOY, I'D HATE TO BE LOCKED IN HERE WITH THESE—HEY! WHAT'S THIS?!



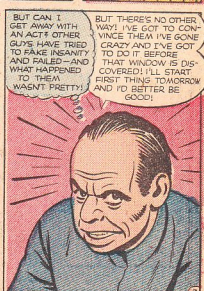
WHY, THIS MORTAR IS SO MOLLY I CAN CRUMBLE IT WITH THE END OF MY BRUSH! THE BARS WILL PULL RIGHT OUT!



THIS IS MY TICKET OUT, ALL RIGHT, BUT I'D BETTER PAINT OVER IT FOR NOW! GOTTA HAVE TIME TO FIGURE THINGS OUT!



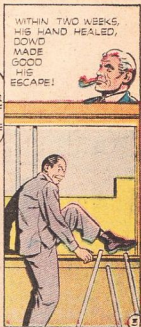
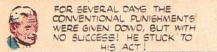
I CAN GET THROUGH THAT WINDOW EASILY ENOUGH! THOSE BARS CAN BE PULLED OUT IN A MATTER OF SECONDS! BUT IT WILL HAVE TO BE DONE AT NIGHT WHEN THERE ARE NO WALL GUARDS ON DUTY OUTSIDE! AND TO DO THAT, I'VE GOT TO GET MYSELF COMMITTED TO THE INSANE WARD!



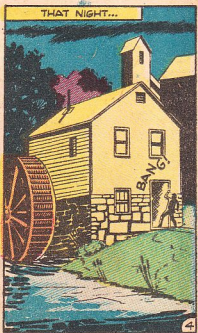
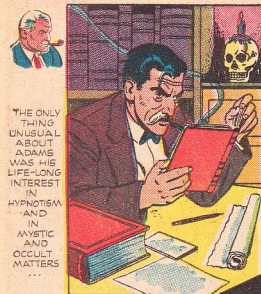
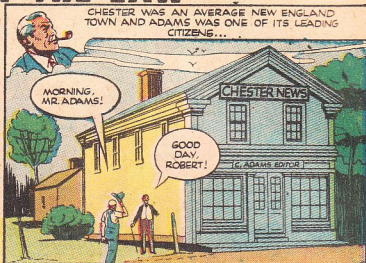
BUT CAN I GET AWAY WITH AN ACT? OTHER GUYS HAVE TRIED TO FAKE INSANITY AND FAILED—AND WHAT HAPPENED TO THEM WASN'T PRETTY!

BUT THERE'S NO OTHER WAY! I'VE GOT TO CONVINCE THEM I'VE GONE CRAZY AND I'VE GOT TO DO IT BEFORE THAT WINDOW IS DISCOVERED! I'LL START FIRST THING TOMORROW AND I'D BETTER BE GOOD!

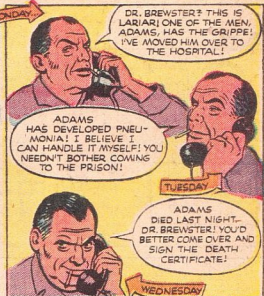
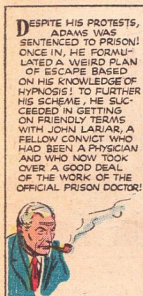
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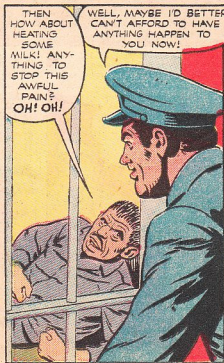
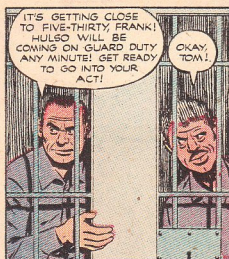
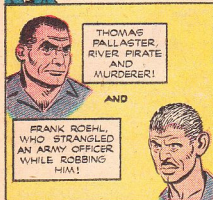
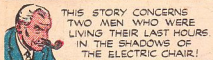
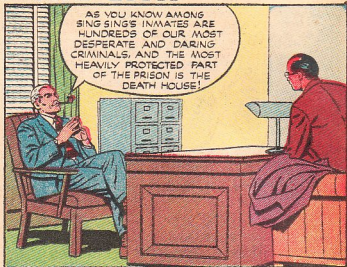
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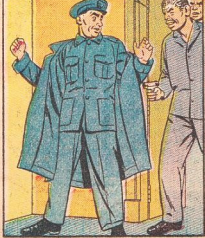
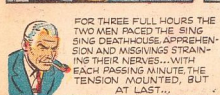
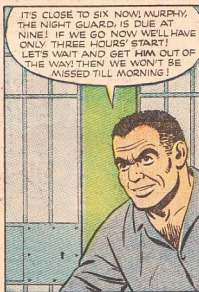
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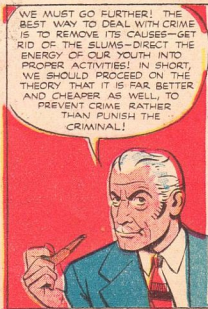
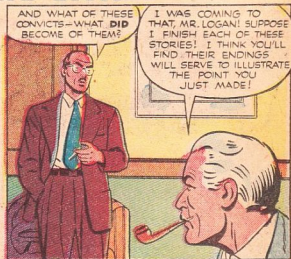
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Frank C. Elledge
USS Amphion, AR-13
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Roxie Coleman
Route 2, Box 71
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Joyce Ferrell
809 W. 28 St.
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"HOW I STOPPED A TAXI WAR!"



I WAS ON THE PAN! THINGS IN MIDWEST CITY WERE PLENTY HOT-AND 'PLENTY HOT' IS PUTTING IT MILDLY WHEN EVEN THE MAYOR WAS YU ON THE CARPET!



I TELL YOU, SHEA, THINGS ARE GETTING TO A POINT WHERE IT ISN'T SAFE FOR PEOPLE TO WALK THE STREETS!

I KNOW, MR. MAYOR! SOMETHING DRASTIC MUST BE DONE!



'DRASTIC' IS JUST A WORD! I DON'T WANT ANY MORE WORDS-I WANT ACTION!

ALL I CAN SAY IS THAT IF THIS TAXI WAR IS GOING TO BE DROPPED IN MY LAP, I WANT...



I'LL GIVE YOU AS MANY POLICE AS YOU NEED!

I DON'T WANT ANY MEN NOW! I WANT TO TRY IT ALONE!

'TOO MANY COOKS SPOIL THE BROTH,' AS THE SAYING GOES, AND I CONVINCED HIS HONOR IT WAS A ONE MAN JOB! HE THOUGHT I WAS TAKING A LONG CHANCE, BUT GRUDGINGLY ADMITTED THAT IT MIGHT BE THE ONLY WAY...



I DIDN'T WASTE ANY TIME! I WENT TO WORK ON IT! IT BEGAN WITH A CAB DRIVE...

SAY, EDDIE! YOU KNOW ME, DON'T YOU?

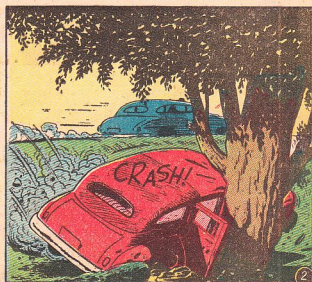
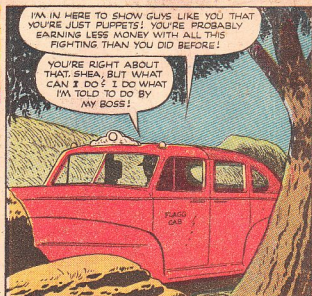
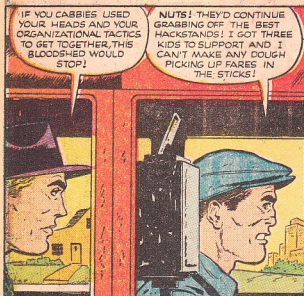
I SURE DO, SHEA! YOU'RE A DICK!



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EDDIE WAS PART OF A TAXI WAR BETWEEN THE FLAGG CAB AND THE PIERCE CAB COMPANIES! IT WAS A WAR FOR MONOPOLY-MONOPOLY OF CHOICE HACK STANDS IN THE DOWNTOWN DISTRICT! THE CABBIES OF BOTH COMPANIES CLAWED EACH OTHER TO GET THOSE SPOTS! EDDIE WORKED FOR THE FLAGG COMPANY!



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JUST LOOK AT THAT! AND HE GOT AWAY! IT'LL BE A WEEK BEFORE I GET THIS CRATE OUT OF THE SHOP!

WE'RE LUCKY WE GOT OUT ALIVE, EDDIE!



BY HEAVENS, SHEA, IT **DOESN'T** MAKE SENSE! I KNEW IT DIDN'T, BUT I WAS AFRAID TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT! I'M **NOT AFRAID** ANY MORE! MY KIDS ARE THE ONES WHO'LL SUFFER! I'LL PLAY BALL WITH YOU!

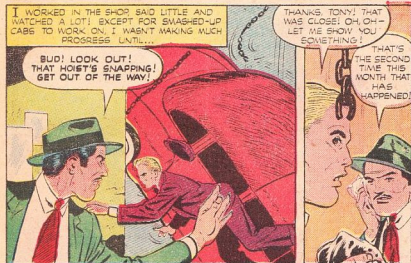
THAT'S WHAT I HOPED TO HEAR! NOW, MAYBE WE'LL GET SOMEWHERE EDDIE!



FATE PLAYED INTO MY HANDS WHEN EDDIE WAS SMASHED UP! IT GAVE ME AN "IN" THAT THE ENTIRE POLICE FORCE HADN'T BEEN ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH! I CHANGED MY NAME TO BUD STONE, AND THE NEXT DAY...

NO JOKING, TONY! HE'S A PERSONAL FRIEND OF MINE! BUD'S BEEN DRIVING FOR YEARS AND BESIDES HE'S A GOOD MECHANIC!

I DON'T NEED DRIVERS-BUT IF HE'S HANDY WITH TOOLS, I MIGHT BE ABLE TO USE HIM! OKAY, YOU'RE HIRED, BUD! FIFTY BUCKS A WEEK!



BUD! LOOK OUT! THAT HOIST'S SNAPPING! GET OUT OF THE WAY!



THANKS, TONY! THAT WAS CLOSE! OH, OH--LET ME SHOW YOU SOMETHING!

THAT'S THE SECOND TIME THIS MONTH THAT HAS HAPPENED.



LATER...

THAT'S HIM, BOSS! BUD STONE! HE'S A GOOD WORKER! HE'S THE ONE WHO SHOWED TONY THE CHAIN HAD BEEN SAWED!

HE COULDN'T BE THE ONE THAT'S SAWING THOSE CHAINS OR HE WOULDN'T HAVE CALLED YOUR ATTENTION TO IT! SEND HIM UP HERE! I WANT TO TALK TO HIM!



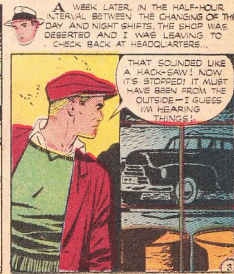
I APPRECIATE YOUR ALERTNESS, STONE! I HEARD ABOUT YOU SPOTTING THE HACK-SAW JOB ON THE CHAIN HOIST!

JUST TRYING TO DO A JOB, MR. FLAGG!



STONE, I'VE COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT A LOT OF DIRTY WORK IS DONE RIGHT HERE IN THE GARAGE BY SOME SKUNK WHO IS EMPLOYED HERE, BUT IS WORKING FOR MY COMPETITOR! I WANT YOU TO FIND OUT WHO IT IS STONE! I'LL MAKE IT WORTH YOUR WHILE!

I'LL KEEP MY EYES OPEN, MR. FLAGG!

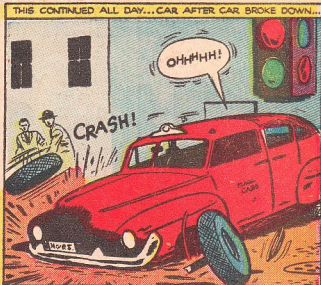
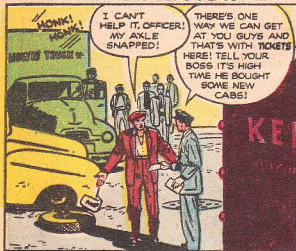


A WEEK LATER, IN THE HALF-HOUR INTERVAL BETWEEN THE CHANGING OF THE DAY AND NIGHT SHIFTS, THE SHOP WAS DESERTED AND I WAS LEAVING TO CHECK BACK AT HEADQUARTERS...

THAT SOUNDED LIKE A HACK-SAW! NOW IT'S STOPPED! IT MUST HAVE BEEN FROM THE OUTSIDE-I GUESS I'M HEARING THINGS!

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IT HAD TAKEN A QUICK LOOK AROUND THAT NIGHT, BUT COULDN'T FIND ANYBODY! YET SOMEONE MUST HAVE BEEN THERE BECAUSE THE NEXT DAY A DOZEN FLAGG CABS BROKE DOWN...



FLAGG HIT THE CEILING! BUT THE THING THAT GOT ME WAS THE FACT THAT HE DIDN'T SEEM PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE PASSENGER WHO SUFFERED SPINAL INJURIES IN ONE OF THE BREAKDOWNS, OR EVEN THAT THE CABS WERE COSTING A FORTUNE TO REPAIR! TO HIM THIS WAS MERELY A BATTLE OF WITS!



FLAGG DIDN'T CARE—HE JUST WANTED REVENGE!



I HAD ENOUGH EVIDENCE ON FLAGG TO PULL HIM IN, BUT IT WOULDN'T SOLVE ANYTHING AS FAR AS THE CABBIES WERE CONCERNED UNLESS I HAD SOMETHING ON BOTH MEN! THEN, LATE ONE NIGHT, I HEARD THE SAME SOUND OF A HACK-SAW...



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TONY WAS A BIG MAN AND NOT AN EASY ONE TO SUBDUED, BUT...

THAT SHOULD HOLD YOU FOR A WHILE!

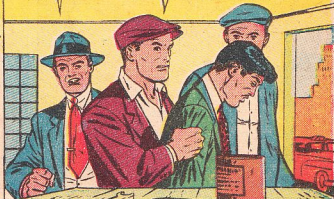
WHEN FLAGG FOUND OUT, HE BROKE DOWN LIKE A BABY, THEN FLEW INTO A RAGE! TONY HAD BEEN HIS MOST TRUSTED MAN! THE FACT THAT I'D CAUGHT HIM DIDN'T DO ME ANY HARM! I WAS NOW FLAGG'S "BOY"! I COULD HANDLE ALL HIS IMPORTANT DIRTY WORK! I WAS IN HIS CONFIDENCE!



GET RID OF THAT RAT! TAKE HIM FOR A RIDE!

GET YOUR CAB READY, EDDIE! WE'VE GOT A PASSENGER FOR A ONE-WAY TRIP!

CHECK, BUD!



YOU'RE NOT GOING TO BUMP ME OFF!!

HOLD IT, TONY! YOU'RE NOT GETTING AWAY THAT EASY!

THERE'S ONE WAY YOU CAN SAVE YOURSELF, TONY, AND THAT IS IF YOU'LL TALK TO THE POLICE!

LET ME OUT!! LET ME OUT!!



TONY WAS SO SCARED, HE WOULD HAVE AGREED TO ANYTHING TO SAVE HIS HIDE—AND THAT GAVE ME THE BIG IDEA! THIS SITUATION HAD BEEN PRACTICALLY MADE TO ORDER TO GET ME INTO PIERCE'S CONFIDENCE!

WITHOUT A LINE OF PUBLICITY, TONY WAS PUT UNDER LOCK AND KEY, THUS CONVENIENTLY PAYING THE WAY FOR MY MEETING WITH PIERCE, WHO WAS NEXT ON MY "HIT" PARADE!

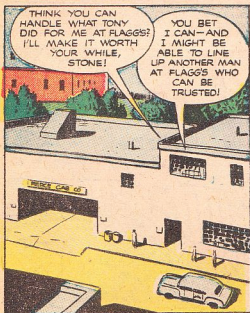
I DON'T LIKE FLAGG, MR. PIERCE! HE'S TOO DIRTY IN THIS CAB WAR! HE'S JUST HAD TONY TAKEN FOR A RIDE! I LIKED TONY, THAT'S WHY I'VE COME TO YOU!

TONY WAS ONE OF MY BEST MEN! TOO BAD, ISN'T IT? LET ME SEE NOW!



THINK YOU CAN HANDLE WHAT TONY DID FOR ME AT FLAGG'S? I'LL MAKE IT WORTH YOUR WHILE, STONE!

YOU BET I CAN—AND I MIGHT BE ABLE TO LINE UP ANOTHER MAN AT FLAGG'S WHO CAN BE TRUSTED!



WHEN I'D TOLD PIERCE THAT TONY HAD BEEN TAKEN FOR A RIDE, HE HAD SHRUGGED IT OFF! HE SEEMED TO ENJOY PLAYING AT WAR—PRETENDING HE WAS A DICTATOR OR SOMETHING, AND SENDING MEN TO THEIR DEATHS! IT WAS INCREDIBLE ARROGANCE, BUT THAT'S WHAT I WAS UP AGAINST!

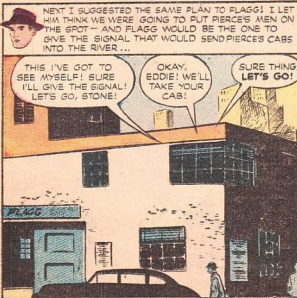
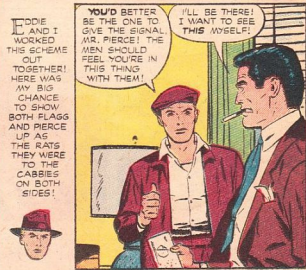
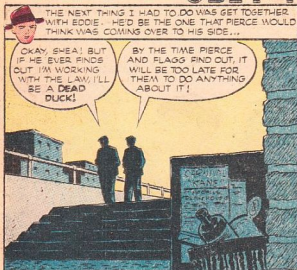


IF YOU GET A MAN, THEN I'LL HAVE TWO MEN WORKING INSIDE AT FLAGG'S! I'LL MAKE FLAGG WISH HE'D NEVER TANGLED WITH ME!

I'LL LET YOU KNOW IN A FEW DAYS ABOUT THE GUY I HAVE IN MIND! THEN I'LL HAVE YOU MEET HIM! I WANT TO BE SURE ABOUT HIM BEFORE I BRING HIM HERE!



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FLAGG AND PIERCE WERE LIKE TWO ANGRY WILD ANIMALS WHEN THEY GOT AT EACH OTHER! THE FACT THAT THEY HAD BEEN TRICKED INTO THIS MEETING SEEMED INCONSEQUENTIAL—THEY WANTED TO KILL EACH OTHER!

IT'S TIME YOU MEN KNEW WHO I REALLY AM! MY NAME ISN'T BUD STONE! I'M DETECTIVE JOHN SHEA!



DETECTIVE!!

I KNEW THAT WOULD REGISTER IF NOTHING ELSE DID!



I HAD TO GET YOU MEN TOGETHER BY TRICKERY! ALL OTHER MEANS FAILED! IF YOU HAD ONLY GOTTEN TOGETHER BEFORE, A LOT OF BLOODSHED COULD HAVE BEEN AVOIDED!

WELL, WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT? NOW THAT YOU HAVE US, WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?



THIS CAB WAR SEEMS MAINLY A FEUD BETWEEN YOU TWO MEN—THE WELFARE OF YOUR WORKERS DOESN'T SEEM TO BE OF IMPORTANCE TO EITHER OF YOU! WHY DON'T YOU HAVE A REAL OLD-FASHIONED FIST FIGHT AND GET YOUR PERSONAL DISLIKE FOR EACH OTHER OVER, ONCE AND FOR ALL!



I HAD THESE TWO PHONY BIG SHOTS EXACTLY WHERE I WANTED THEM! BUT I WASN'T GOING TO BE SATISFIED WITH JUST A "PINCH"! I WANTED TO PROVE MY POINT TO THE CABBIES FIRST!

I HAD TO MAKE PIERCE AND FLAGG BELIEVE THAT THE TIME HAD COME FOR A PERSONAL SHOWDOWN! I DID IT BY APPEALING TO THEIR VANITY AND THEIR GREED!

IF WINNER TAKES ALL, I'M GAME, SHEA!

IF THE LOSER GOES OUT OF BUSINESS, I'M GAME, TOO!



THE MAYOR HAD GIVEN ME A FREE HAND AND THIS WAS MY WAY OF HANDLING THE SITUATION! I HAD ENOUGH ON BOTH MEN, BUT I HAD TO BE SURE THERE'D BE NO FUTURE REPERCUSSIONS AND NEITHER MAN WOULD BE A MARTYR IN THE EYES OF HIS EMPLOYEES...



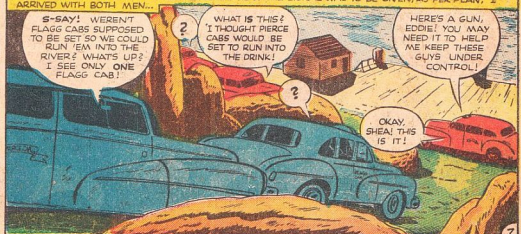
THE CABS WERE ALL LINED UP AT STILER'S WHARF AS PLANNED! EACH SIDE THOUGHT THEY HAD SET A TRAP FOR THE OTHER! AT THE PRECISE MOMENT THE SIGNAL WAS TO BE GIVEN, AS PER PLAN, I ARRIVED WITH BOTH MEN...

S-SAY! WEREN'T FLAGG CABS SUPPOSED TO BE SET SO WE COULD RUN 'EM INTO THE RIVER? WHAT'S UP? I SEE ONLY ONE FLAGG CAB!

WHAT IS THIS? I THOUGHT PIERCE CABS WOULD BE SET TO RUN INTO THE DRINK!

HERE'S A GUN, EDDIE! YOU MAY NEED IT TO HELP ME KEEP THESE GUYS UNDER CONTROL!

OKAY, SHEA! THIS IS IT!



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WHEN THE MEN SAW WHAT WAS HAPPENING, THEY ASSUMED THAT A MASS SHOWDOWN WAS ON AND LEAPED FROM THEIR CABS WITH MURDER IN THEIR EYES! I HAD TO THINK FAST!



I'M DETECTIVE SHEA, BOYS! YOU'D BETTER STAND BACK! I DON'T WANT ANY INTERFERENCE IN THE BIG SHOW WE'VE ARRANGED FOR YOU!



THIS ISN'T A TRAP, FELLOWS! I JUST WANTED YOU MEN TO SEE YOUR BOSSES SETTLE THEIR PERSONAL FEUD IN A TIME-HONORED WAY!



YOU MAY NOT HAVE REALIZED IT, BUT THIS CAB WAR WAS NOT ONLY A WAR FOR THE BEST HACK STAND RIGHTS IN THE DOWNTOWN DISTRICT, BUT A CONFLICT OF TWO UNSCRUPULOUS, POWER-MAD MEN WHO HAVE NO RESPECT FOR THE WELFARE OF THEIR EMPLOYEES OR FOR THE PUBLIC'S SAFETY!



HE'S NUTS, MEN! DON'T BELIEVE HIM!

THERE'S ENOUGH ROOM IN MIDWEST CITY FOR ALL YOUR CABS, BUT THERE ISN'T ANY ROOM FOR BUSINESS DICTATORS OR GANGSTER METHODS! THIS FLAGG-PIERCE MATCH WILL BE THE LAST BATTLE OF YOUR TAXI WAR!



AND A MOMENT LATER, THE BIG FIGHT WAS ON...



SAY, THIS WASN'T SUCH A BAD IDEA AT THAT!

RIGHT YOU ARE! IT'S THEIR FIGHT! LET THEM SETTLE IT!

COME TO THINK OF IT, UP TO NOW WE'VE DONE ALL THEIR FIGHTING FOR THEM!

BOY, IF THIS ENDS THE CAB WAR, WILL MY WIFE BE GLAD!



FLAGG GOT IN SOME LOW PUNCHES AND SEEMED TO BE GETTING THE BETTER OF THE BRAWL UNTIL PIERCE REACHED INTO HIS POCKET AND DOUBLED HIS FIST AROUND A ROLL OF PENNIES...



I DIDN'T EXPECT A CLEAN FIGHT! MEN LIKE FLAGG AND PIERCE ARE NOT SPORTSMEN, BUT I KNEW THE HACKIES WOULD REGARD THIS BATTLE AS ONE OF HONOR! THEY'D LOOK AT IT AS A FAN LOOKS AT A CHAMPIONSHIP FIGHT! BUT NOW THEIR ENTHUSIASM GAVE WAY TO SCOWLS AND THEN TO ANGRY COMMENTS...

THAT'S DIRTY!

YEAH, BUT PIERCE WAS HITTING HIM LOW! THEY'RE BOTH DIRTY!

OHH!



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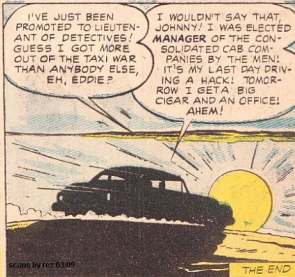
FLAGG'S JAW WAS BROKEN IN THAT FIGHT AND HE WAS TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL! BUT PIERCE LEFT THE WHARF WITHOUT A WORD OF CONGRATULATION! THE HACKIES WERE DISGUSTED! THEY NO LONGER HAD ANY ILLUSIONS ABOUT THE NECESSITY FOR A TAXI WAR! I LET THAT SINK IN: THEN, THE FOLLOWING DAY, I MOVED IN FOR THE PINCH!



LATER...



AND NOW PEACE REIGNS AGAIN IN MIDWEST CITY! PIERCE AND FLAGG ARE SPENDING LONG TERMS IN JAIL! WITH THE AID OF PUBLIC-SPIRITED CITIZENS, THEIR COMPANIES HAVE BEEN CONSOLIDATED INTO ONE LARGE COMPANY RUN BY THE EMPLOYEES THEMSELVES!



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BILL, the parking lot attendant, left his shack for a short walk to Joe's diner. It was dark and cold; he quickened his steps. Two shadowy figures passed him. A moment later he was at the counter in the diner.

"Draw one, Joe, and some sugared doughnuts," he ordered.

The counterman placed the hot coffee and doughnuts before Bill, who looked around casually. Except for them, the place was empty.

"It's sure cold tonight," Bill said. "Any business?"

"Naw," said Joe. "Nobody downtown tonight. After I finish this coffee, I'm going back and get some sleep."

Joe picked up a small package from under the counter and hefted it.

"Coupla guys left this on one of the stools. Musta forgotten it. Funny thing, Bill, they always come here right before you drop in for coffee and leave as soon as you enter."

Bill glanced at the package. It was wrapped in brown paper, which was smeared. Obviously, whatever was in the package was oily. "You mean those two guys I just saw walk out?" Bill asked.

"Yeah," answered Joe. "Oh, well, I'll hold it for 'em. They'll be back."

Bill finished his coffee, pulled his cap close over his ears and headed back to his shack. As he was approaching it, he noticed shadows cast near a parked car. "Hello!" he shouted, as he went into the shack to get the car's parking ticket.

When he came outside again, he saw two figures running away from the lot. Suspicious, Bill hurried over to the car, but observed nothing unusual. Wondering what the two had been doing, he opened the car door. There were no

keys in the ignition lock. Everything appeared to be okay. But Bill still felt uneasy.

The sergeant looked up from his papers and smiled broadly at the man in front of the desk. "What got you out of your warm shack, Bill?" he asked.

"Something I can't figure, Sarge," answered Bill. "I think maybe somebody wanted to steal one of my customer's cars. And being just around the corner from you, I thought I'd better run in and tell you about it."

While Bill waited, the sergeant re-told the story to Chief Charles Schedivy, head of Little Ferry, New Jersey's police force and veteran law enforcement officer.

Fifty-two years old, a police officer since 1928, veteran of World War I and the International M.P.s, Chief Schedivy had long been regarded as one of the finest men in Little Ferry. In spite of several hair-raising episodes in crime prevention, such as the time he had subdued an insane man armed with a hatchet, Chief Schedivy thought of his exploits as "all in a day's work."

Part of that day's work for the chief was checking reports concerning stolen cars. Little Ferry, New Jersey, is one of the biggest used car sales areas in the east, and lately dealers as well as private persons were reporting the theft of cars. That chief had been working on the matter all that day, but no leads had been forthcoming.

"You say you saw two men running away from this car, Bill?" asked the chief. "Did they leave anything behind? What were they doing? Think, Bill! Anything you can tell us may be helpful."

Bill was standing there shaking his head when Patrolman Saul walked in, red-faced from the cold. "Brother, could I go for some hot coffee!" he said.

"Wait a minute!" Bill almost shouted. "Maybe this'll help! When I went to Joe's tonight to get some coffee, Joe told me about two guys who always came in before me and always left just as I entered. He showed me a package they had forgotten, but I don't know what was in it."

Chief Schedivy turned quickly to the sergeant. "I'm going over to Joe's," he said. "Call Squad Car 21 and have it park around the corner."

Bill and the chief walked the short block to Joe's Diner, where the chief asked for the package and looked it over, hoping that this might prove to be his first break.

For weeks cars had been stolen from lots, in front of homes and on street corners, yet no one had been seen tinkering with the motors. Since ignition keys had not been left in the cars, the police knew they weren't dealing with mere joyriders.

Reports from nearby cities told the same story. There was no trace of the cars after their disappearance. None had been recovered. The chief knew that there must be a stolen-car gang involved. But were they operating out of Little Ferry, or from some other city? And how did they go about it? Now he felt that he had his first clue—right in his hands!

He opened the package carefully to avoid

smearing any fingerprints or traceable markings. Inside was a loaf of wax . . . the kind that might be used to make key impressions! A piece had been torn from the end of the loaf, where finger and nail marks were visible. Here, at last, appeared to be evidence of the method they had used: They would go to a parking lot, make sure the attendant was away, and take impressions of the locks of cars they had marked for theft.

"Now we know how they started the cars," Chief Schedivy said. "And I can also figure out how they went about swiping 'em. They make the impression, cut a key, wait for the owner to call for the car and then follow it. When no one is around, they take the key, open the door and off they go. The chances are that one of the guys is a locksmith."

"I have a hunch those car thieves aren't through for the night," the chief continued. "Bill, I'll be in the squad car at the corner. When your customer picks up his car and drives away, we'll follow. Joe, I'll send one of my men up here to the diner, in case those fellows come back for the wax. If they do, he'll nab 'em!"

The marked car was still on the lot when Bill returned. About an hour later the couple who owned the car came along, paid Bill for parking and left. From the street above a car cut around the corner and followed them, while the chief and his boys tagged along at a discreet distance.

Arriving home, the couple parked their car in the garage behind the house and retired for the evening. The car which had followed them was standing in the shadows half a block away, its lights out. And though the squad car was nowhere in sight, Chief Schedivy and two of his men were already hidden behind the garage.

When the lights had gone out in the house, two figures quietly made their way up the walk to the garage.

"Make it snappy, Monk," one of them whispered. "It's too cold to hang around!"

"Okay, okay," muttered the other. "It's only a padlock. We can unscrew the clasp."

They had entered the garage and one was starting to get behind the wheel when the chief and his men made the pinch.

Brought to headquarters, the suspects confessed that they had been stealing cars, filing serial numbers, repainting and selling the cars in New York; and implicated several others. One of the men actually had been a locksmith, and even carried portable equipment for cutting keys in the gang car.

But now the racket was finished. It had been a cold night, all right, in more ways than one—just the kind of night that Bill would go to Joe's for coffee and get the lead, the kind of night that Chief Schedivy would think quickly and move just as quickly, the kind of a night that would chill a guy even in a "hot car," especially in a city called Little Ferry, where Chief Charles Schedivy will go to any lengths to protect the citizens because it's "all in a day's work!"

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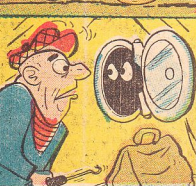
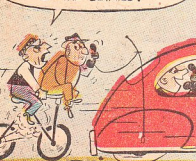
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Georgia

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The history of Georgia dates back long before Christ, for it has been estimated that people lived in this area 4,000 to 5,000 years ago. Although temporarily conquered and overrun at different times by the Arabs, the Turks, the Mongols, and the Persians, Georgia has lived through the ages and has been an independent kingdom for more than 2,000 years. It was in 1802, that Georgia lost its independence and was absorbed into the Russian Empire by Alexander the Great. This happened because at that time, Georgia was divided up into domains ruled over by princes. These princes often fought among themselves and the Queen, who recently married a Russian prince, looked to Alexander to restore order. Alexander did restore order and annexed Georgia to Russia. In October, 1917, when the Russian Empire fell, Georgia again declared its independence by forming the Republic of Georgia. In 1922, Georgia together with its sister republics of Armenia and Azerbaijan formed the Transcaucasian Federation of Soviet Republics. The republics were later absorbed in the USSR (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) each with its own autonomous government.

The stamps of the Republic of Georgia like those of Azerbaijan, were printed on paper similar to that used in the making of this comic book. These stamps were crudely printed and very few of them actually were used on letters. There is a story that just before Georgia joined the Transcaucasian Federation, officials of the Republic who were going to lose their jobs, fled the country with the plates of these stamps and sold them to stamp dealers in Europe.



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HAROLD KELHAM,
REAL ESTATE
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SUSPECT NO. 2



RALPH TRIPP
IMPORTER...

DEATH CAME TO JIMMY MARKOE WHEN HE PROBED TOO DEEPLY INTO THE BUSINESS OF THE DOPE RING, BUT THE CAMERA'S EYE RECORDED FACTS THAT POINTED TO THE KILLER IN THE CASE OF THE INQUISITIVE PHOTOGRAPHER!!



ART BY
FRED GUARDINIER

SUSPECT NO. 3



ALBERTINA
LAYNE, BEAUTY
SHOP OWNER...

SUSPECT NO. 4



DAVE TARGON,
MANAGER OF THE
WOMBAT CLUB...

BOSS! LOOK WHAT JUST CAME OVER THE PRIVATE WIRE! THEY'RE GOING TO ISSUE A FEDERAL SUMMONS FOR HAROLD KELHAM, THE BIG REAL ESTATE OPERATOR! HE MAY BE THE HEAD OF THE DOPE RACKET!

WE MIGHT TURN THIS INTO A SCOOP IF WE HANDLE IT SMART! AND I DON'T MEAN ANY OF OUR CRIME REPORTERS! GET ME JIMMY MARKOE!

AND YOUR ASSIGNMENT, JIMMY, IS TO GET A CANDID PHOTO OF KELHAM ALONG WITH ANYBODY WHO MAY BE WITH HIM!

LEAVE IT TO ME! I KNOW KELHAM! I'LL MAKE THE ROUNDS OF THE NIGHT CLUBS UNTIL I FIND HIM!

HI, HERMAN! WHO'S IMPORTANT INSIDE THE JOINT, TONIGHT?

ALBERTINA LAYNE, WHO OWNS ALL THE BEAUTY SHOPS! SHE AND RALPH TRIPP, THE IMPORTER, CAME IN WITH HAROLD KELHAM! YOU'LL PROBABLY FIND THE BOSS WITH THEM!



OBEY THE LAW



OBIE THE LAW

TOMORROW IS MONDAY! I'LL BE IN COURT FROM NINE TO THREE, WITH MY LAWYER! DON'T WORRY, I'LL BEAT THIS RAP AND THAT WILL CLEAR THE REST OF YOU!

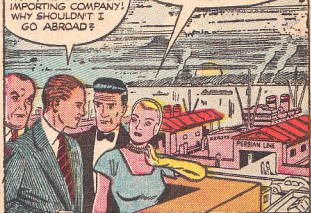
I'LL BE OVER AT THE WOMBAT CLUB FROM NOON TO MIDNIGHT AS USUAL! WE MADE A MISTAKE, GETTING TOGETHER THERE! SO YOU STAY AWAY, ALL OF YOU!

LET'S GO OUT ON THE ROOF! IT'S TOO STUFFY HERE! IT'LL BE DARK SOON AND THEN WE CAN LEAVE!



I'M GOING TO BRAZEN THIS OUT, ALBERTINA! MONDAY NIGHT, I SAIL ON THE STEAMSHIP XERXES! AFTER ALL, I'M RALPH TRIPP, HEAD OF A BIG IMPORTING COMPANY! WHY SHOULDN'T I GO ABROAD?

NATURALLY—JUST AS I HAVE TO TRAVEL AROUND THE COUNTRY AND SEE HOW MY BEAUTY SHOPS ARE DOING! I'M LEAVING AFTER LUNCH TUESDAY AND NOBODY IS GOING TO STOP ME!



THIS MUST BE OUR LAST MEETING HERE! HOWEVER, EACH OF US HAS A KEY! SO ANYONE IS WELCOME TO USE THE PLACE ANY TIME HE WANTS!

MY ONLY INTEREST IS TO CATCH UP WITH JIMMY MARKOE AND SETTLE WITH HIM FOR THE LOUSY TRICK HE PLAYED ON US!

SUCH TALK IS FOOLISH! ACT AS THOUGH NOTHING HAPPENED! IF OPPORTUNITY COMES YOUR WAY, USE IT!



WHILE THESE FOUR ARE HOLDING THEIR LAST SECRET MEETING, THEIR HOODOO, JIMMY MARKOE, IS PLANNING TO HAND THEM FURTHER TROUBLE!

KELHAM'S COUNTRY HOME WON'T ANSWER PHONE CALLS! TRIPP AND THE LAYNE DAAME AREN'T AT THEIR HOTELS! TARGON'S NIGHT CLUB IS CLOSED BECAUSE IT'S SUNDAY!

THEN PROBABLY THEY'RE ALL SOMEWHERE TOGETHER! LISTEN, BOSS—I BROUGHT IN THE PICTURE THAT LINKED THIS GANG! GIVE ME A CHANCE TO SCOUT UP FURTHER FACTS!

OKAY, MARKOE. IT'S NOW NINE P.M. I'M GIVING YOU UNTIL THIS TIME TUESDAY—FORTY-EIGHT HOURS! GO TO IT!



NINE O'CLOCK, MONDAY MORNING...

THIS WILL BE A VERY BUSY DAY, SO TELL THE DEPARTMENT HEADS THEY WILL HAVE TO STAY UNTIL THIS EVENING! I WON'T BE IN AT ALL TOMORROW, AS I HAVE THE BEAUTY LUNCHEON AT NOON, AND AM LEAVING BY PLANE RIGHT AFTERWARD! CHECK MY RESERVATIONS!

YES, MISS LAYNE!



MONDAY NOON...

I'M GLAD YOU ARRIVED, MR. TARGON! IT'S ABOUT THE MONTHLY BEAUTY LUNCHEON TO BE HELD TOMORROW! THE COMMITTEE THOUGHT PERHAPS IT SHOULD BE CHANGED! THEY CALLED MISS LAYNE AND SHE SAID IT WAS ALL RIGHT TO HOLD IT HERE!

THEN IT'S ALL RIGHT WITH ME! PHONE THE COMMITTEE AND SAY SO! ALSO TELL THEM TO SEND ME THE TOTAL NUMBER OF RESERVATIONS! I'LL BE HERE UNTIL MID-NIGHT!



THREE O'CLOCK, MONDAY AFTERNOON...

WELL, MR. KELHAM, AS YOUR ATTORNEY, I CAN ONLY SAY WE MUST BE PATIENT! THE HEARING TOOK FROM NINE TO THREE TODAY AND WE MUST BE HERE DURING THOSE HOURS TOMORROW!

AND PROBABLY ALL THE REST OF THE WEEK! I KNOW HOW THESE THINGS DRAG! WELL, SEE YOU TOMORROW!



OBHEY THE LAW

SIX O'CLOCK MONDAY AFTERNOON...

TRIPP! I CALLED YOUR OFFICE RIGHT AFTER I LEFT THE COURT! THEY SAID YOU HADN'T BEEN THERE ALL DAY, BUT YOU'D BE GOING ON BOARD THE SHIP AT SIX O'CLOCK!

NATURALLY! I DIDN'T GO TO THE OFFICE! I WAS DOING SOME SHOPPING! WELL, THE SHIP DOESN'T SAIL FOR A FEW HOURS, SO COME ON BOARD AND TELL ME HOW YOU MADE OUT!



THEY'LL NEVER LINK ME WITH THE DRUG TRAFFIC, TRIPP! AND EVEN IF THEY DO, WHAT DOES IT PROVE AGAINST THE REST OF YOU?

WE WERE YOUR FRIENDS KELHAM—YOUR VERY CLOSE FRIENDS! RIGHT FROM THIS DECK, YOU CAN SEE THE PENTHOUSE WHERE WE MET SO OFTEN! A SNOOPER LIKE JIMMY MARKOE MIGHT MAKE TROUBLE IF HE GOT IN THERE AND SHOT SOME PICTURES!



NINE O'CLOCK TUESDAY MORNING...

THE COURT WILL COME TO ORDER!

BY THREE O'CLOCK, WE'LL BEGIN TO KNOW WHERE WE STAND, MR. KELHAM! HERE'S HOPING!



TUESDAY NOON...

HELLO DAVE! HOW DOES THE LUNCHEON LOOK—A FULL HOUSE?

YES, WE WERE SMART. ALBERTINA INSISTING THAT THEY HOLD THE LUNCHEON HERE! IT MAKES IT LOOK AS THOUGH HAROLD KELHAM IS A BIG ROUND ZERO WHERE WE ARE CONCERNED!



THREE O'CLOCK TUESDAY AFTERNOON...

IT WAS A WONDERFUL SPEECH YOU MADE, MISS LAYNE! AS COMMITTEE MEMBERS, WE CONGRATULATE YOU!

AND I CONGRATULATE YOU ON THE WAY YOU BROUGHT ME OUT HERE! THAT WAS THE FASTEST TRIP I EVER MADE TO AN AIRPORT!



SIX O'CLOCK TUESDAY AFTERNOON...

EVERYTHING WAS GOING OUR WAY WHEN COURT ADJOURNED AT THREE O'CLOCK! ANOTHER SESSION, TARGON, AND WE'LL BE IN THE CLEAR!

I'M GLAD YOU ARE DOING WELL, KELHAM! IT MAKES ME FEEL SURE THAT NO ONE ELSE COULD POSSIBLY BE IMPLICATED!



LATER...

IF HAROLD KELHAM IS THE HEAD OF THE DOPE RING, THE SET-UP IS LIKE A-B-C! RALPH TRIPP, THE IMPORTER, BRINGS THE STUFF IN! DAVE TARGON FEEDS IT OUT LOCALLY FROM THE WOMBAT CLUB! ALBERTINA LAYNE GIVES IT NATION-WIDE CIRCULATION THROUGH HER CHAIN OF BEAUTY SHOPS!

BUT WE NEED PROOF, BOSS, TO RUN THAT STORY, AND JIMMY MARKOE HASN'T SHOWN UP WITH ANYTHING! HE'S OVERDUE!



TOO LONG OVERDUE! AND THAT IS GOING TO BE OUR STORY! WE KNOW THAT JIMMY WOULDN'T RUN OUT ON US! SOMETHING HAPPENED TO HIM! WE'LL OFFER A REWARD FOR KNOWLEDGE OF HIS WHEREABOUTS! GET AT THAT TYPEWRITER!

BOY, WHAT A STORY!



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OBEDIENT THE LAW

WE'VE GIVEN YOUR DESCRIPTION TO PEOPLE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND THEY SAW ALL OF YOU GOING TO THAT PENTHOUSE AT ONE TIME OR ANOTHER! JIMMY MARKOE WAS ON THE RIGHT TRAIL! YOU'RE ALL LINKED WITH THE DOPE RACKET, BUT WE'LL LEAVE THAT TO THE FEDS! WE WANT A MURDERER! SO LET'S HEAR YOUR STORIES!



HAROLD KELHAM! I WAS IN COURT ALL DAY MONDAY AND TUESDAY, FROM NINE O'CLOCK UNTIL THREE! ON MONDAY, I WENT TO SEE TRIPP OFF ON HIS SHIP! ON TUESDAY, I HAD DINNER AT THE WOMBAT CLUB!



RALPH TRIPP! I WAS AROUND TOWN HERE AND THERE, ON MONDAY, UNTIL I REACHED THE PIER AT SIX O'CLOCK AND MET KELHAM! MY ALIBI MAY BE WEAK FOR MONDAY, BUT ON TUESDAY I WAS ON THE HIGH SEAS!



DAVE TARGON! MONDAY AND TUESDAY, I SLEPT UNTIL NOON, AS USUAL! ON MONDAY, CALLS WERE WAITING FOR ME WHEN I GOT TO THE WOMBAT CLUB! TUESDAY, THE BIG BEAUTY LUNCHEON WAS ON! I SAW MISS LAYNE AT NOON TUESDAY! MR. KELHAM CAME FOR DINNER AT SIX O'CLOCK! BOTH DAYS I WAS ON DUTY UNTIL MIDNIGHT! YOU ASK MY HIRED HELP!



ALBERTINA LAYNE! MONDAY, I WAS BUSY THE WHOLE DAY, FROM NINE O'CLOCK UNTIL EVENING, AS MY OFFICE CAN VOUCH! TUESDAY, I SLEPT TILL NOON, THEN WENT TO LUNCH AT THE WOMBAT CLUB! FROM THERE, I WAS RUSHED TO MY PLANE FOR A TRIP TO THE MID-WEST!



THAT'S ENOUGH! ALL OF YOU HAVE CERTAIN TIMES WHEN YOU CLAIM YOU WERE SLEEPING OR WANDERING ABOUT! IN ONE OF THOSE PERIODS ONE OF YOU MURDERED JIMMY MARKOE... AND THIS PICTURE FROM MARKOE'S CAMERA PROVES WHO THE KILLER WAS AND IS!



WHO DUNNIT?
WHOSE ALIBI FAILED?

HAROLD KELHAM? ALBERTINA LAYNE?



RALPH TRIPP?



DAVE TARGON?

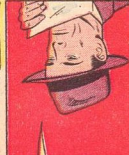


IF YOU CANNOT GUESS "WHO DUNNIT" TURN THE PAGE UPSIDE DOWN FOR THE SOLUTION...

ALL THE OTHERS STORMED AT KELHAM FOR INVOLVING THEM IN A MURDER CASE! ANGRILY HE RETALIATED BY IMPLICATING THEM IN THE DOPE RING! TODAY ALL ARE BEHIND BARS EXCEPT HAROLD KELHAM, BECAUSE... HE WENT TO THE CHAIR!



THE PICTURE SHOWS THE SETTING SUN, WHICH WE KNOW IS TO THE WEST, THE DIRECTION OF THE RIVER! THEREFORE IT WAS TAKEN IN THE LATE AFTERNOON! THAT CLEARS DAVE TARGON AND ALBERTINA LAYNE, WHOSE ALIBIS ARE WEAK ONLY BEFORE NOON! YOU ARE THE KILLER, HAROLD KELHAM! YOU MURDERED JIMMY MARKOE BETWEEN THREE AND SIX O'CLOCK TUESDAY AFTERNOON!



THIS PICTURE, TAKEN FROM THE PENTHOUSE, INCLUDES THE PIER WHERE THE STEAMSHIP PERXES WAS BEACHED! BUT THE PICTURE WAS TAKEN THE PIER! THEREFORE, THE PICTURE WAS TAKEN ON TUESDAY, WHICH CLEARS RALPH TRIPP WHO WAS ON THE SHIP!

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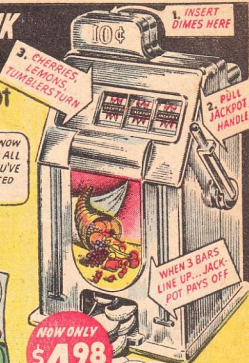
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